GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 2024

#### XXXIV. OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

For general administration and support, support to operations and operations, including locally-funded project(s), as indicated hereunder . . . . . P New Appropriations, by Programs/Projects **Current Operating Expenditures** Maintenance and Other Operating Capital Outlays Total Personnel Services Expenses A. REGULAR PROGRAMS General Administration and Support P 642,218,000 P 2,128,240,000 P 1,108,505,000 P 3,878,963,000 Support to Operations 15,328,000 37,567,000 52,895,000 **Operations** 933,459,000 560,404,000 1,493,863,000 ANTI-CORRUPTION INVESTIGATION PROGRAM 524,961,000 237,186,000 762,147,000 ANTI-CORRUPTION ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM 330,408,000 219,970,000 550,378,000 OMBUDSMAN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 35,024,000 49,320,000 84,344,000 CORRUPTION PREVENTION PROGRAM 43,066,000 53,928,000 96,994,000 3,077,027,000 642,218,000 Total, Regular Programs 1,706,476,000 5,425,721,000 B. PROJECT(S) Locally-Funded Project(s) 109,000,000 109,000,000 Total, Project(s) 109,000,000 109,000,000 TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS

### Special Provision(s)

- 1. Organizational Structure. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and within the limits of appropriations in this Act, the Ombudsman is hereby authorized to:
  - (a) formulate and implement Office of the Ombudsman's organizational structure;
  - (b) fix and determine the salaries, allowances and other benefits of personnel of the Office of the Ombudsman in accordance with the rates and levels authorized under R.A. No. 6758, as amended, and R.A. No. 6686, as amended; and

1,815,476,000 P

642,218,000 P

(c) create new positions, transfer an item or make other adjustments in Personnel Services itemization, whenever public interest so requires.

Implementation of the foregoing shall be subject to: (i) compliance with organization, staffing and position classification and compensation standards of the DBM; (ii) scrap and build policy; and (iii) submission to DBM of a resolution stating the changes in the organization and staffing in accordance with the foregoing standards and

The officials and employees whose positions are affected by a reorganization shall be granted retirement benefits or separation pay in accordance with existing laws, which shall be payable from any unexpended balance of, or savings in the appropriations of the Office of the Ombudsman.

- 2. Non-Recurring Expenses. All non-recurring appropriations authorized herein such as, but not limited to, foreign-assisted projects and locally-funded projects, shall not form part of the Office of the Ombudsman's appropriations that may not be reduced by Congress under Section 38 of R.A. No. 6770.
- 3. Use of Savings. The Ombudsman is authorized to use savings from the appropriations of the Office of the Ombudsman to augment actual deficiencies in any item of its appropriations for the current year, which may include the following purposes: (i) printing and/or publications of decisions, resolutions, and training information materials; (ii) repair, maintenance and improvement of central and regional offices, facilities and equipment; (iii) purchase of equipment, books, journals and periodicals; (iv) necessary expenses for the employment of temporary, contractual and casual employees; and (v) payment of extraordinary and miscellaneous expenses, representation and transportation allowances, and other authorized benefits of its officials and employees, subject to pertinent budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

- 4. **Use of Income.** The Office of the Ombudsman may use the income generated from fees collected by it, subject to the conditions under pertinent sections in the General Provisions of this Act and for purposes as may be specifically authorized therein or by applicable provisions of law.
- 5. Reporting and Posting Requirements. The Office of the Ombudsman shall submit quarterly reports on its financial and physical accomplishments, within thirty (30) days after the end of every quarter, through the following:
  - (a) Unified Reporting System (URS) or other electronic means for reports not covered by the URS; and
  - (b) Office of the Ombudsman's website.

The Office of the Ombudsman shall send written notice when said reports have been submitted or posted on its website to the DBM, House of Representatives, Senate of the Philippines, House Committee on Appropriations, Senate Committee on Finance, and other offices where the submission of reports is required under existing laws, rules and regulations. The date of notice of said agencies shall be considered the date of compliance with this requirement.

6. Appropriations for Activities or Projects. The amounts appropriated herein shall be used specifically for the following activities or projects in the indicated amounts and conditions:

## New Appropriations, by Programs/Activities/Projects

	Current Operating Expenditures			
	Personnel Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
REGULAR PROGRAMS				
General Administration and Support				
General Management and Supervision	P 426,886,000 P	1,108,505,000 P	642,218,000 P	2,177,609,000
Administration of Personnel Benefits	1,701,354,000			1,701,354,000
Sub-total, General Administration and Support	2,128,240,000	1,108,505,000	642,218,000	3,878,963,000
Support to Operations				
Operation and Maintenance of Computerized Management Information System	12,523,000	35,961,000		48,484,000
Statistical Services	2,805,000	1,606,000		4,411,000
Sub-total, Support to Operations	15,328,000	37,567,000	_	52,895,000
Operations				
ANTI-CORRUPTION INVESTIGATION PROGRAM	524,961,000	237,186,000	_	762,147,000
Conduct of fact-finding investigation and lifestyle check for case build-up against erring public officials	509,809,000	205,791,000		715,600,000
Preliminary investigation of criminal and forfeiture cases against erring public officials	15,152,000	31,395,000		46,547,000
ANTI-CORRUPTION ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM	330,408,000	219,970,000	_	550,378,000
Adjudication on administrative cases against erring public officials to enforce anti-corruption laws	105,091,000	39,175,000		144,266,000
Prosecution of criminal and forfeiture cases filed against erring public officials with the Sandiganbayan and Regional Trial Courts	208,250,000	180,601,000		388,851,000

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Advocacy of Ombudsman cases appealed to the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court including the filing of special civil actions with the Supreme Court	17,067,000	194,000		17,261,000	
OMBUDSMAN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	35,024,000	49,320,000		84,344,000	
Delivery of responsive and meaningful Public Assistance to address red tape in the bureaucracy	35,024,000	49,320,000		84,344,000	
CORRUPTION PREVENTION PROGRAM	43,066,000	53,928,000		96,994,000	
Development and implementation of integrity promotion programs to generate a critical mass of anti-corruption advocates in the campaign against official abuse  Conduct of integrity assessments and corruption	9,171,000	31,083,000		40,254,000	
diagnostics to reduce the vulnerability of government agencies to corruption, inefficiency, and red tape	33,895,000	22,845,000		56,740,000	
Sub-total, Operations	933,459,000	560,404,000		1,493,863,000	
Total, Regular Programs	3,077,027,000	1,706,476,000	642,218,000	5,425,721,000	
PROJECT(S)					
Locally-Funded Project(s)					
Whistleblower Account/Reward		10,000,000		10,000,000	
Counterpart fund for the "Aral and Asal" Project per Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Office of the Ombudsman, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the University of the Philippines					
System (UPS) signed on September 26, 2019		99,000,000		99,000,000	
Sub-total, Locally-Funded Project(s)		109,000,000		109,000,000	
Total, Project(s)		109,000,000		109,000,000	

## New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

(In Thousand Pesos)

Current Operating Expenditures

TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS

Personnel Services

Civilian Personnel

**Permanent Positions** 

Basic Salary	974,901
Total Permanent Positions	974,901

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Other Compensation Common to All	
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	29,520
Representation Allowance	40,818
Transportation Allowance	40,818
Clothing and Uniform Allowance	7,380
Honoraria	6,038
Mid-Year Bonus - Civilian	81,243
Year End Bonus	81,243
Cash Gift	6,150
Productivity Enhancement Incentive	6,150
Step Increment	2,437_
Total Other Compensation Common to All	301,797
Other Compensation for Specific Groups	
Magna Carta for Public Health Workers	551
Lump-sum for filling of Positions - Civilian	1,311,727
Total Other Compensation for Specific Groups	1,312,278
Other Benefits	
PAG-IBIG Contributions	1,476
PhilHealth Contributions	17,448
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums	1,476
Retirement Gratuity	313,412
Loyalty Award - Civilian	1,150
Terminal Leave	<u>76,215</u>
Total Other Benefits	411,177
Other Personnel Benefits	
Pension, Civilian Personnel	76,874
Total Other Personnel Benefits	76,874
Total Personnel Services	3,077,027
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	
Travelling Expenses	239,023
Training and Scholarship Expenses	159,656
Supplies and Materials Expenses	476,954
Utility Expenses	175,435
Communication Expenses	93,353
Awards/Rewards and Prizes	10,000
Confidential, Intelligence and Extraordinary Expenses	1 000
Confidential Expenses Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000 26,865
Professional Services	20,000 48,081
General Services	216,605
Repairs and Maintenance	72,555
Taxes, Insurance Premiums and Other Fees	18,995
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Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	
Advertising Expenses	14,393
Printing and Publication Expenses	10,585
Representation Expenses	20,752
Transportation and Delivery Expenses	8,791
Rent/Lease Expenses	33,299
Subscription Expenses	23,800
Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses	165,334
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	1,815,476
Total Current Operating Expenditures	4,892,503
Capital Outlays	
Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	
Land Outlay	167,500
Buildings and Other Structures	50,000
Machinery and Equipment Outlay	242,629
Transportation Equipment Outlay	32,430
Furniture, Fixtures and Books Outlay	91,670
Other Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay	18,980
Intangible Assets Outlay	39,009
Total Capital Outlays	642,218
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	<u>5,534,721</u>

## OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

# GENERAL SUMMARY OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

	_	Current Operating	g Expenditures		
	<u>-</u>	Personnel Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
A. OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN	P_	3,077,027,000 P	1,815,476,000 P	642,218,000	P 5,534,721,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS, OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN	P	3,077,027,000 P	1,815,476,000 P	642,218,000	P 5,534,721,000